



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 16, 2008
Board Room

Jefferson County School District R-1
1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27
Golden, Colorado

Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: A majority of the Board met – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; and Dave Thomas, Second Vice President - in study/dialogue session at 5:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Sue Marinelli, Secretary, was excused. Richard Rush, Board appointee, was present.

PURPOSE: The Board met to receive information on the district's investments and cash management.

DISCUSSION: Representative from Stifel Nicolaus, MBIA, Colotrust, and CSAFE provided information on their agencies, their work with district assets, securities and current risks or exposures due to the recent activities of the country's financial market.

District staff shared information regarding the rate of return for investments over the past year as well as the statement of authorized investments. Board members questioned interest earnings, the investment policy of the district, and liquidity of assets.

CONCLUSION: The district is more conservative than state statute requires in these matters. The district's reserve balances are providing any needed cushion for the assets that are not liquid at this time. The Board was assured of the district's financial position due to the liquidity, security and safety of three pools of investment strategies. The Board requested regular reports on this issue through the monthly budget status reports and quarterly financial reports.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:07 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden,

Colorado, Thursday, October 16, 2008. Recess was held from 8:06 to 8:17 p.m.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience.
03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present - Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Sue Marinelli, Secretary, was excused from the meeting.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Thomas

06. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Scott Benefield, Board of Education President, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board member Richard G. Rush. (Attachment A)

Mr. Rush joined the other Board members at the dais.

2. **HONORS, RECOGNITION AND SCHOOL REPORTS:** The Board of Education honored Wheat Ridge High School social studies teacher Stephanie Rossi for receiving the 2009 Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence.
3. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Members of county student council updated the Board of Education with the plans for the 2009 Senior Ball, tentatively planned for March 14, at Wheat Ridge High School.
4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Ms. Barnes mentioned her travels with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). She also mentioned the CASB Fall Conference/Delegate Assembly October 24-25, 2008.

Members of the Board attended the Strategic Planning & Advisory Council Meeting, the Celebration of Excellence, and the budget presentations.

Mr. Benefield recognized Dr. Stevenson for receiving the prestigious University of Colorado at Denver Alumni Leadership Award.

Dr. Stevenson provided some clarification on statements made at the Lakewood City Council meeting regarding graduation rates, accreditation status and funding.

5. PUBLIC AGENDA:

01. CORRESPONDENCE: Public correspondence received by the Board of Education was made available for public perusal.

02. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Yanushonis, Arvada – Provided the Board of Education with an invitation to the Excel Academy Science Fair.

Linda Sasenik, Golden – Opposing ballot issues 3A and 3B.

Jeff Sacco, Golden – Opposing ballot issues 3A and 3B.

Gail Pough, Carlena Moore, Mendi Palle, Saba Welela, Ali Kaleli – Support for the Lotus II School for Excellence charter application.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Thomas, a majority of the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: 6.01, Expulsion of Students (EL-10, Treatment of Students); 6.02, Board Policy No Revisions: EL-6, Financial Administration; 6.03, Board Policy for Revision: EL-8, Facilities; 6.04, Contract Award: Corporate Environments, Bear Creek High School, Others (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.05, Supplemental Funds: CDE IDEA Preschool Funds, Exceptional Student Services (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.06, Supplemental Funds: CDE IDEA Part B, Exceptional Student Services (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.07, Supplemental Funds: CDE Title I Part D, Neglected/Delinquent Program (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.08, Supplemental Funds: CDE School Counselor, Student Services (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.09, Supplemental Funds: Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, SWAP (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.10, Approval of Minutes: October 2 and 9, 2008; 6.11, American Education Week Proclamation (EL-1, Global Executive Constraint) (Attachment B); 6.12, Purchase of Support Vehicles and Equipment (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.13, Contract Awards: Capital Improvement Projects: Arvada Middle, Arvada High, Collegiate Academy, Columbine Hills, Green Gables, Red Rocks, Warder Elementaries, Evergreen High, Dutch Creek, Foothills, Peck, and Stott Elementaries, Drake Middle, Irwin/Green Mountain Center, Kendallvue Elementary, Lakewood Memorial Stadium, Mandalay Middle, Martensen Elementary, Ralston Elementary (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.14, Limited Policy Waiver: GBEA, Compass Montessori-Wheat Ridge (EL-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring); 6.15, Donation-Replacement Water Fixtures (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.16., Accreditation Contract (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board).

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rush

Nay: Ms. Barnes

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

01. **DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010 (EL-11):**

The Board of Education advised the Superintendent to proceed with 2009-2010 calendar as presented.

8. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:**

01. **PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER APPLICATION**

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHARTER ACADEMY (EL-13): Representatives from Global Outreach Charter Academy summarized the charter school application being presented to the Board and answered questions from Board members.

02. **PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER APPLICATION**

LOTUS II SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE (EL-13): Representatives from Lotus II School for Excellence summarized the charter school application being presented to the Board and answered questions from Board members.

The Board requested additional information related to the applicants budget.

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed its work calendar and the agenda items for the special and regular meetings of October 9 and 16, 2008. The Board scheduled a discussion on the student advisors and an executive session on a personnel matter for a special meeting on November 6, 2008.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, November 20, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on November 20, 2008.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

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Attachment A – R. Rush Oath of Office

Attachment B – Proclamation: American Education Week

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, Richard G. Rush, do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully perform the duties of Director of the Jefferson County School District No. R-1 in the County of Jefferson, as required by law; and that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the laws made thereof.

Richard G. Rush

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of October 2008.

Scott D. Benefield
President, Board of Education

Proclamation

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise;

Now therefore, this Board of Education do hereby proclaim November 16–22, 2008 as the 87th annual observance of American Education Week.

Scott D. Benefield, President

Dave Thomas, Second Vice President

Jane Barnes, First Vice President

Richard Rush, Treasurer

Sue Marinelli, Secretary

Approved this 16th day of October, 2008